

healthy people in their plan who are not utilizing the plan.

I mean, does anyone think, when they saw that movie "As Good As It Gets" and saw the response to Helen Hunt's descriptor of her HMO that the public is not aware of this?

A recent public opinion survey found that most Americans believed problems with managed care have not improved, 74 percent. Most think that legislative action is either more urgent or equally as urgent as when this debate began, 88 percent. A 1999 survey of physicians and nurses reported that 72 percent of physicians and 78 percent of nurses believed that managed care has decreased the quality of care for people who are sick.

In addition, Republican pollster, Linda Divall, did a post-election poll right after this last election of issues that the new President and the newly elected Congress should work together on to accomplish for the good of the country. In every group, men, stay-at-home moms, working women, a Patients' Bill of Rights was at the top of the list.

Madam Speaker, the American public wants and deserves a strong patient Bill of Rights now, this year. It is time for us to put on the President's desk a bill like the Ganske-Dingell bill or the McCain-Edwards bill. We need to get it signed into law, Madam Speaker.

Millions of people are having decisions that HMOs are making today. To go back to what I started about at the beginning of the speech, for anyone to say that people are not having any problems with HMO, I would just have to say, what world are they living in?

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ACKERMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

Mr. POMEROY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of attending the funeral of a former legislative leader.

Mr. KELLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of the hospitalization of his daughter.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, March 14.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, March 20.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, March 15.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GANSKE. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1191. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Requirements, and Administrative Procedures; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. 92N-0297] (RIN: 0905-AC81) received March 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1192. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Rapid City, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 00-177; RM-9954] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1193. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Woodville and Wells, Texas) [MM Docket No. 00-171; RM-9926] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1194. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Window Rock, Arizona) [MM Docket No. 00-237; RM-10006] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1195. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 00-200; RM-9967] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1196. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Aspen, Colorado) [MM Docket No. 00-215; RM-9994] received March 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1197. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 107-50); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

1198. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the Iran emergency is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2001, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 107-51); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

1199. A letter from the Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the listing of all outstanding Letters of Offer to sell any major defense equipment for \$1 million or more; the listing of all Letters of Offer that were accepted, as of December 31, 2000, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 741. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-19). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 496. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-20). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 725. A bill to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made (Rept. 107-21). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. POMEROY, and Mr. WICKER):

H.R. 973. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the operation by the National Institutes of Health of an experimental program to stimulate competitive research; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. KELLY (for herself, Ms. CAPITO, and Mr. CANTOR):

H.R. 974. A bill to increase the number of interaccount transfers which may be made from business accounts at depository institutions, to authorize the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to pay interest on reserves, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. WATKINS (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. FROST, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. GORDON, Ms. HART, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WALSH, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BALDACCIO, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mrs. THURMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PAUL, Ms. LEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut):

H.R. 975. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services under the Medicare Program and to permanently increase payments for such services that are furnished in rural areas; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VITTER:

H.R. 976. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to achieve full funding in fiscal year 2002 and fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. VITTER:

H.R. 977. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide increased authority for school personnel to discipline children with disabilities who engage in certain dangerous behavior; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MANZULLO (for himself, Mr. CAMP, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. WELLER):

H.R. 978. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for dry and wet cleaning equipment which uses non-hazardous primary process solvents; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUNTER:

H.R. 979. A bill to authorize the President and the Governor of a State to suspend certain environmental and siting requirements applicable to fossil fuel fired electric power plants to alleviate an electric power shortage that may present a threat to public health and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WAMP (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. GORDON, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. FORD):

H.R. 980. A bill to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BASS (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DREIER, Ms. DUNN, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Ms. HART, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. ISSA, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LINDER, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OSE, Mr. OXLEY, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. REGULA, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. RILEY, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. SENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TERRY, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. WHITFIELD):

H.R. 981. A bill to provide a biennial budget for the United States Government; to the Committee on the Budget, for a period ending no later than April 13, 2001, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BEREUTER:

H.R. 982. A bill to prohibit assistance for Kosovo unless the President determines and certifies to Congress that residents or citizens of Kosovo are not providing assistance to organizations engaging in or otherwise supporting ethnically-motivated violence in southern Serbia or in Macedonia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mrs. BONO:

H.R. 983. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to assign the same priority to providing renewable energy production incentive payments for landfill gas facilities as the priority assigned to providing such payments for other biomass facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of

Texas, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. DUNN, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CANNON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. AKIN, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, and Mr. GRAHAM):

H.R. 984. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the occupational taxes relating to distilled spirits, wine, and beer; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitation on contributions to funeral trusts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 986. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that long-term vehicle storage by tax-exempt organizations which conduct county and similar fairs shall not be treated as an unrelated trade or business; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

H.R. 987. A bill to transfer management of the Banks Lake Unit of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. HOUGHTON, and Mr. CUMMINGS):

H.R. 988. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HORN, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon):

H.R. 989. A bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a 3 year pilot program to assist law enforcement officers purchasing homes in locally-designated at-risk areas; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. HART, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mrs. THURMAN):

H.R. 990. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for charitable deductions for contributions of food inventory; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DREIER, Mr. OTTER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. STUMP, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. CANNON, and Mr. LARGENT):

H.R. 991. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, and platinum, in either coin or bar form, in the same manner as stocks and bonds for purposes of the maximum capital gains rate for individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself and Mr. SIMMONS):

H.R. 992. A bill to provide grants to local governments to assist such local governments in participating in certain decisions